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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Report of the Minimum Requirements in
Language Competence for the Deputy
Director (Plans)

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REFERENCE : dated 4 February 1957

1. Attached is an initial report of the minimum requirements in language competence for personnel of the DD/P which was discussed earlier with representatives of your Office.

2. It is not intended that these raw figures should be considered to represent a present training requirement. The material was compiled on the basis of minimum requirements for language competence without regard to present language assets.

3. The establishment of training requirements must await the completion of the Language Register so that we may determine accurately the present language assets within the DD/P. Even after we are able to compare the assets figures with the requirements there are several other factors that must be considered. Among these factors are:

a. The problem of rotation of DD/P officers. The language requirements are largely for field positions but the officers possessing language assets must serve headquarters assignments or tours of duty in locations where their particular language is not pertinent.

b. A certain proportion of the language assets of the DD/P will overlap. For example, one unit of the CI Staff can report assets in fifteen languages but these assets are the contribution of only three officers. Obviously some of these assets cannot be productive at all times.

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c. Language competence is but one element in a complex pattern of qualification requirements.

4. We trust this information will be of assistance in planning the general language training requirements and we will be glad to discuss this material in greater detail if you desire.

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